

6. Shri Subhash Chandra, Chairman, Essel Group of companies	Member
7. Shri B. Ramalinga Raju, Chairman, Satyam Computers Services Ltd.	Member
8. Shri R.S. Pawar, Chairman, NIIT Ltd.	Member
9. Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, CMD, BPL Telecom Business Group	Member
10. Prof. Ashok Misra, Director, IIT, Mumbai	Member
11. Shri Phiroz Vandrewala, President, NASSCOM	Member
12. Shri Satish Kaura, Chairman, Samtel India Ltd.	Member
13. Shri Chirayu R. Amin, President, FICCI	Member
14. Shri Sanjiv Goenka, President, CII	Member
15. Shri Sunil Bharti Mittal, Chairman Bharti Telecom	Member
16. Shri Vivek Singhal, Chairman, ESC	Member
17. Shri Vinay L. Deshpande, President, MAIT	Member
18. Shri Raghu Modi, President, ASSOCHAM	Member
19. Joint Secretary (IP Cell), Ministry of Information Technology	Convenor

Grants-In AID to professors of I.I.T.

***169. SHRI ABANI ROY:** Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a grants-in-aid amounting to crores of rupees has been given by the KVIC to various professors of I.I.T. Delhi for various projects/studies in various fields since January, 1996 onwards;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating name of each project, the name of each professor to whom such grants-in-aid had been given and present status of each project; and

(c) the manner in which Government benefited from the said projects?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) To (c) No, Sir. The Khadi and village Industries commission (KVIC) has not given any grants-in-aid to any professor of IIT, Delhi. However, the KVIC has entered into an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the IIT Delhi for strengthening and revival of Jamnalal Bajaj Central Research Institute, Wardha. The total outlay is Rs.8.35 crore and the objective is to create a mechanism to provide technological inputs for modernising the KVI sector. The project period is 3 years. The project is

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expected to accelerate the process of Rural Industrialisation and to make the KVI sector commercially viable.

Communication Centres' Offices in Manipur

***170. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Communication Centres' offices in Manipur;
- (b) whether there is any proposal for opening of more communication offices in the State;
- (c) the reasons for delay in opening of telephone offices at Wangoi although its building has been completed; and
- (d) by when the above office would be opened?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) There are 35 telephone exchanges in Manipur State providing communication facilities for voice traffic. It is proposed to open 12 more such telephone exchanges.

The Wangoi telephone exchange was burnt on three occasions by militants. The matter has been taken up with the State Government and the exchange will be re-commissioned once adequate security is provided by the State Government authorities.

Khurdha-Bolangir Super Highway

***171. SHRI ANANTA SETHI:** Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal to construct Khurdha-Bolangir super highway in Orissa with World Bank aid has been pending with Government since long;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay in getting World Bank Funds for the Super Highway Project; and
- (c) the steps taken for early consideration of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) No Sir. There is no such proposal pending with Government of India. The question is related to World Bank aid for Orissa State Highways Project. The State Highways come within the preview of the respective State